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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" As I said before, grazing fees are not collected this year in areas where there has been scarcity of rainfall. I do not think that Sugalis as such have been exempted."

SRI Y. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" What is the total amount collected by way of grazing fees? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Notice."

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU :—" Will the Government consider the abandonment of the levy of grazing fee, as has been done in the Bombay State, at least in famine areas where acute fodder scarcity exists? "

THE HON DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" I have already said that in areas where there has been famine, no grazing fees have been collected this year."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" What is the levy for each animal and is any differentiation made between a bullock and a cow? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Cow unit is taken as one unit. I do not think there is any difference between a cow and a bullock so far as grazing is concerned."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the question of constituting grazing fields in Malabar, because there is absolutely no provision whatever for grazing facilities for cattle there, and also because the Government are deriving income from other areas by levying a fee? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It will be considered."

Encroachment by the sea into the Tellicherry Municipal area.

* 56 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is increasing encroachment by the sea into the Tellicherry Municipal area, Malabar; and

(b) whether the Government have under consideration, any scheme to prevent this encroachment?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) There was coastal erosion on the sea face within the municipal limits of Tellicherry, threatening damage to certain properties.

" (b) A protective wall has been constructed and this has controlled the erosion."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whose function it is to prevent this erosion? "

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I do not know whose function it is. But the work has been done on a contribution basis, the municipality paying one-fourth of the amount and the Government paying three-fourths of the amount."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Does not that portion of the sea belong to the Government of India and is it not their duty to take action?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Are the Government aware that a good portion of the land yet remains unprotected, because there is no protective wall or any other arrangement to prevent encroachment, as for instance very near the Civil Court building which is a Government property?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Only a part of the scheme has been executed. The original scheme was estimated to cost about Rs. 1,94,000. Subsequently, only a part of the scheme was taken up for execution in view of the war-time financial policy. Still a part of the scheme remains to be executed. The municipality has not contributed its share and the scheme has not been taken up."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Did the Government get any representations from Malabar regarding this question?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Representations have been made by the Municipal Council."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" As the Tellicherry Municipal Council finds it very difficult even to keep the roads in a good condition, and as it cannot afford to spend on the prevention of the inroads of the mighty seas and inasmuch as the Council has requested the Government to meet the whole expense, will the Government consider the request favourably?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Government took into consideration all the factors mentioned by the hon. Member, and they also examined the budget of the Tellicherry Muncipal Council. The request was negatived."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" In view of the slender finances of the Tellicherry Municipal Council and in view of the fact that tide does not wait for any man or ministry, will the Government take protective measures, as Government property is being encroached upon? The people are already put to considerable difficulty, as the municipal council is not able to maintain the roads in a good condition."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question."